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TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND DEUTSCHER

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I honor the military service of Raymond Deutscher.

Raymond enlisted in the Army in his home State of North Dakota in the spring of 1942. He was a born leader who became a combat infantry squadron leader. And he led his troops to the beaches of Normandy, June of 1944.

When Raymond and his troops arrived, he said the water and sand was already stained with blood. In Normandy, on June 11, 1944, Raymond was shot and severely wounded by German forces. His recovery took 7 months at a hospital in England and further hospital stays at home.

Through the long trauma and his long recovery from enemy fire, Raymond Deutscher never received the medals he earned as a hero of World War II.

His military records were destroyed by a 1973 fire in St. Louis. And he passed away on January 10, 2001.

His family reached out to me and started asking questions about Raymond's service and the due recognition he never received.

Last month I had the honor of presenting to his family Raymond Deutscher's Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge First Award with Rifle Bar, World War Two Victory Medal, and Honorable Service Lapel Button

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HONORING PETER SCHNEIDER

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I honor CPL Peter Schneider and his service to the U.S. Army during World War II.

At the age of 17, Corporal Schneider's parents passed away and he was left to raise two younger siblings. Although he didn't have to go to war, he believed it was his calling. And his older brother agreed to take care of the children.

On July 3, 1944, Corporal Schneider was severely wounded by German troops in Livry, France. His wounds were so severe he spent 4 years recovering in a hospital. The attack left Mr. Schneider 100 percent disabled. But that didn't stop him from working the rest of his life after the war.

Corporal Schneider received a Purple Heart for his sacrifice. His daughter

Marlene keeps the medal in her home as a memorial. But after some research, Marlene discovered her father never received all the recognition he earned for his service in World War II.

A full year before he was wounded, Corporal Schneider served in the 41st Armored Infantry Division under General Patton. And in July of 1943, he was part of the first wave of Allied Forces—the tip of the spear—to storm Sicily and liberate Palermo.

After reaching out to me, we discovered that for his heroism in that significant part of the war, Corporal Schneider earned two more important medals.

Last month I had the honor of presenting to his family CPL Peter Schneider's Bronze Star and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

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Peter Schneider passed away in 1999 having never seen these medals. But they will be part of his family's history forever.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 5, 2011, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2715. An act to provide the Consumer Product Safety Commission with greater authority and discretion in enforcing the consumer product safety laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2553. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of August 5, 2011, the enrolled bills were signed on August 5, 2011, during the recess of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CARDIN).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 19, 2011, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that pursuant to section 401(b)(4)(B)(iii) of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-25) and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: Mr. HENSARLING of Texas, Co-Chair, Mr. UPTON of Michigan, and Mr. CAMP of Michigan.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 401(b)(4)(B)(iv) of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-25) and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Minority Leader appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: Mr. CLYBURN of South Carolina, Mr. BECERRA of California, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN of Maryland.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 66. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2825. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2826. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2827. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2011 annual report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2828. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish by Vessels Subject to Amendment 80 Sideboard Limits in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA556) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2829. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and